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Claim 1:

An adhesive mesh tape for preventing implosion of cathode-ray tube, comprising:

a fabric of yarns in the form of mesh having first and second main surfaces and having open spaces between yarns;

a hot-melt resin provided on all or a portion of the surfaces of the yarns of said fabric; and

a pressure-sensitive adhesive provided on the surfaces of the yarns of said fabric on a side of said first main surface of said fabric;

wherein said hot-melt resin and said pressure-sensitive adhesive do not continuously cover the entire surface of said tape and have openings above or below said open spaces of said fabric and wherein the total volume of said hot-melt resin and said pressure-sensitive adhesive is les than the volume of the open spaces of said fabric [, so adhesive can be incorporated into said open spaces of said fabric when said adhesive mesh tape is clamped between a cathode-ray tube and a metal clamping band].